

POTTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on
Tuesday 18th April 2017, 7.10pm at the Community Centre.

Present: Councillors Mr D. Ellison, Mr R. Harris, Mr L. Ivall, Mr J. Lean, Mr J. Lewis, Mr A. Macdonald Chairman, Mr C. Temple, Mr R. Whitfield and Mr A. Zerny.

Absent: Councillors Mr G. Emery, Mr A. Gibb, Mr J. Hobbs, Mr R. Jordan, Mr P. Langridge and Mr A. Leggatt.

Also Present: Three members of the public and the Town Clerk.

1 Apologies for absence

Councillors Mr G. Emery, Mr J. Hobbs, Mr R. Jordan and Mr A. Leggatt.

2 Declaration of Interest

Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest in any matter of personal or prejudicial interest to be discussed at this meeting. Information about this requirement had been on the table.

3 Public Participation Session

Q = Question
A = Answer
S = Statement

Q1.

A resident asked for details about the location for the application for 80 houses on Bury Hill.

A – Chairman – Advised that the application submitted to the Local Planning Authority is for land off of Sutton Road at the rear of existing properties on Bury Hill.

4 Development in Potton

4.1 Property Count

The Chairman summarised the Town Clerks report

- As of the 31st March 2015 Potton's Property Count was 2,250 dwellings.
- During the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 the number of dwellings increased by 27.
- By the 31st March 2016 planning permission has been approved for 241 additional properties. (Land to the South of 'The Paddocks' = 90, Land at Biggleswade Road 120 and Land at Biggleswade Road Phase 1 = 31)
- Between the 1st April 2016 and 31st January 2017 planning permission has been approved for a further 152 additional properties. (Land to the South of Sandy Road = 90 and Land opposite the Playing Field, Mill Lane = 62)
- Further applications which have not yet been decided have been submitted for 266 more properties. (Land surrounding 100 Sandy Road = 186 and Off, of Sutton Road, Potton = 80)

	<p>4.2 Planning Application(s) outside the remit of the Planning Committee Application No: CB/16/01223/OUT 37 Biggleswade Road, Potton, SG19 2LU. Outline Application: Demolition of existing shop and fuel canopy. Proposed new service station shop and 9 residential flats to the rear. It was resolved no objection.</p> <p>4.3 Mill Lane Planning Application The Chairman read out correspondence from Stephenson Harwood LLP which advised of stages and costs.</p> <p>Members discussed about the town council's underspend in the financial year 2016-17 and Ear Marked Reserves.</p> <p>Town Clerk advised Ear Marked Reserves for various projects including the Neighbourhood Plan would be discussed at the Town Council meeting on the 2nd May 2017.</p> <p>It was resolved (i) to Ear Mark Reserve £7,000 of this year's (2016-17) underspend for Legal Fees and this with the £5,000 included in the budget would allow up to £12,000 for Mill Lane Planning Application. (ii) that the town council proceed with first stages and this will consist of a review of the planning application material to determine whether there are any grounds to base an application for judicial review (JR) in relation to the decision of Central Bedfordshire Council (LPA) to grant the outline planning permission with reference CB/16/04460/OUT (Planning Permission). As part of this initial advice they will also consider the impacts of the use of the bridleway to access the Application Site.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>To Arrange Date of the Next Meeting The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May 2017.</p>

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed.....ChairmanDate

Mission Statement

The aim of Potton Town Council is to serve the people of this town to the best of its ability.